Clause 6 put and carried

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Sir, since clause 6 was not inserted all the other clauses which are consequential amendments need not be moved.

Clauses 7 to 28 put and carried

Schedule Part I and Part II put and carried

Clause I put and carried

Title and preamble put and carried

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin Minimum Wages Bill be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Motion put and carried

(C) MOTIONS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE (CONT.)

(iii) The Cochin (Lease and Rent Control) Bill

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Prime Minister)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin (Lease and Rent Control) Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. K. T. Achuthan, Dr. (Mrs.) T. Francis, Messrs. P. K. Dewer, P. K. Krishnankutty Menon, K. H. Sulaiman, and K. Natarajan Chettiar.

Mr. P Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

Mr. President: The report will be submitted within one month.

The House rose for Lunch at 5-30 p. m. and reassembled at 6 p. m. with the Hon'ble President in the Chair

(iv) The Cochin Industries Disputtes Bill

* **Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Finance and Law)* Sir, The motion standing in my name is a motion with reference to the Cochin Industrial Disputes Bill. I have to make a short explanation on that matter. The Cochin Industrial Disputes Bill was introduced in the last Legislative Council and after the relevant motion was passed in this House it was referred to a Select Committee. That Select Committee, I believe, has not submitted its report and although the motions standing in my name says that I will move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, strictly speaking it is a motion that in the place of the old Select Committee a new Select Committee composed of the members, I am going to mention, may be substituted in its place, because the principles of the Bill were considered and discussed on the floor of this House. The motion at that stage was passed in this House and the member in charge of the Bill referred the Bill to a Select Committee. But with the dissolution of the last Council that Select Committee also ceases to have force and therefore it has become necessary to suggest names for a new Select Committee to consider the Bill. That is the stage.....

Mr. President: It comes under Standing Order 13.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)* Yes, Sir, under the law and Bill which reached that stage in the last Legislature can be continued from that stage in the present legislature. That is an old rule with respect to the procedure in this House and therefore I move that the Cochin Industrial Disputes Bill be referred again to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. P. K. Dewer, K. Balakrishna Marar, Alexander Parambithra, K. Vasu Panicker, C. Sankara Menon, O. T. Inasu, T. P. Sitaraman, A. P. Sivaramakrishnan and K. Karunakaran.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Prime Minister)* I second the motion.

Motion put and carried

Mr. President The committee will report within one month's time.

(v) The Cochin Trade Union Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law)* The next motion is a similar one. The Cochin Trade Unions Act (Amendment) Bill was also considered and the principles were discussed in the last Legislature and after the motion at that stage was accepted by the House it was referred to a Select Committee. But the Select Committee did not submit its Report and therefore I move that the following members be constituted as the Select Committee to which the Bill may be referred:—

Messrs. P. K. Dewer
K. W. Muralidhara Marar
K. K. Viswanathan

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* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble member.

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Messrs. K. Karunakaran
and C. V. Iyyu.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*) I second the motion.

Motion put and carried

Mr. President. The Committee will report within one month.

(vi) The Cochin Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): The story of the next Bill also is the same. The Cochin Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill was discussed in this House and was referred to a Select Committee. That Select Committee has not submitted its report. I therefore move that in the place of the old members of the Committee the following members be substituted namely.—

Messrs. Joseph Mundassery
A. K. Kunjumoideen
A. M. Thomas
K. I. Velayudhan
M. I. Paul
C. V. Iyyu
A. K. George and
P. C. Varkey.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*) I second it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the House that the Select Committee, even if they study the whole Bill as it is and make a report about it, the whole Bill will have to be changed—every section will have to be changed "lock stock and barrel"

Mr. President: The Select Committee can do that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Yes, but the principles underlying the Bill are practically a negation of all civil liberties.....

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member discussing the principle of the Bill?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Not exactly the principle of the Bill.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): Sir, the Bill was referred to a Select Committee on the previous occasion for this purpose. There is an Act on the Statute Book which came into force by virtue of a Proclamation by His Highness the Maharaja. It was the intention that the principles must be examined by this House and later by a Select Committee which is a Committee of this House so that necessary safeguards, if any, for the civil liberties referred to by the Hon'ble member for Kunnamkulam may be incorporated by the Select Committee and it is for that purpose that the Bill is going to the Select Committee. It is not the intention of the Government to oppose any necessary safeguard in the interests of civil liberties which the Select Committee might deem it proper to introduce to this Bill.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I think, I am free to oppose or amend the motion for the reference to the Select Committee.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): No. It is not being referred to a Select Committee, I am only proposing new names.

Mr. President: The motion to refer the Bill to a Select Committee has already been passed. It is only a change of the personnel of the Committee that is now being contemplated by this motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): If the Hon'ble President is of opinion that no member can oppose or amend the motion at this stage.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): If there are names which are objectionable, the Hon'ble Member can oppose.

Mr. President: It is not my personal opinion. As the rules now stand, since a motion has been passed by the previous Council to refer this Bill to a Select Committee, that motion stands. The present motion is only to substitute new personnel for the old personnel. Therefore I do not see how this motion can be one for reference to a Select Committee. There is no such motion before the House now.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Labour*): New names can be suggested.

Mr. President: The motion now before the House is about the names of the new Select Committee. Is the Hon'ble Member opposing that?

Motion put and carried

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